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1. At about 1600 hours on 15 April 1954, a group of six Soviet naval vessels proceeding abreast on a northerly course at a rather slow speed was sighted about 12 nautical miles from the coast between Ventspils and Liepaja.
2. A submarine of between 500 and 700 tons, with a steep conning tower and a bulbous bow, was also sighted at a distance of about three-quarters of a mile. It dived slowly at an angle of about 20 degrees. A vessel which appeared to be a small tender was near the submarine. It had a plumb bow, a round overhanging stern, a square bridge, a large, almost vertical smokestack, a mast with a derrick forward of the bridge, and a superstructure on the fantail. The tender was estimated to be 50 to 60 meters long.
3. Four vessels were sighted about two miles away but their types could not be identified. They appeared to be minesweepers similar to German M-type minesweepers without flush decks.

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